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TAGS: MARR, TH

SUBJ: NEWSMAN'S COMPLAINT ABOUT APPREHENSION FOLLOWING  
UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY AT NKP BASE

REF: SINGAPORE 1456

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO MICHAEL MORROW:

2. QUOTE: IN REPLY TO YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT AN APOLOGY, WE  
MUST REPLY THAT, MUCH AS THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT  
NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB IS REGRETTED BY ALL CONCERNED, THE  
MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONCERNED CANNOT COMPLY WITH YOUR  
REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC APOLOGY. ACCORDING TO THE  
RESULTS OF THEIR FULL AND CAREFUL INVESTIGATION, YOU  
ENTERED THE BASE IN VIOLATION OF ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND  
INDICATED AWARENESS OF THIS FACT IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION  
WITH OFFICIALS IN THE EMBASSY. IT IS WELL KNOWN HERE  
THAT NEWSMEN WISHING TO VISIT AMERICAN UNITS ON THAI AIR  
BASES MUST GET PRIOR APPROVAL FROM BOTH THAI AND U. S.  
AUTHORITIES. INVESTIGATIONS FURTHER INDICATED THAT WHEN  
IT WAS DISCOVERED YOU WERE IN A SENSITIVE AREA WITHOUT  
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AUTHORIZATION SECURITY POLICE CAME TO THE SCENE. YOU REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THEM AS REQUESTED.

THIS MISSION, INCLUDING ITS CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO WORK CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY WITH THE PRESS AS WELL AS WITH THE PERTINENT THAI AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE USEFUL CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION. FOR THE MOST PART THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THUS WE REGRET THE MORE ANY INCIDENT SUCH AS THE ONE IN WHICH YOU WERE INVOLVED. BUT MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE INEVITABLY GENERATED WHEN THE ESTABLISHED AND PUBLISHED GROUND RULES FOR NEWSMEN ARE INTENTIONALLY VIOLATED BY THEM. END QUOTE.

4. FYI MORROW HAS ALREADY PROVIDED HIS STORY TO ONE BANGKOK NEWSPAPER, "THE NATION". ALSO, AP AND UPI PHONED FOR U. S. MISSION SIDE OF STORY YESTERDAY MORNING, UPI CLAIMING TO HAVE GOTTEN THE STORY FROM MORROW.  
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